

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS***Remaining Claims***


Applicants affirm the provisional election to prosecute the invention of claims 1-37 made on September 17, 2004. In light of the election and the present amendments and cancellations, Claim 1-3, 5-17, and 20-37 remain pending in this application. Applicants have cancelled claims 4, 17-24, and 38-91. Applicants note that the Examiner objected to claims 5-8, 11, 12, and 25-31. Applicants also note that claims 9, 10, and 13 were rejected although they were dependent from claims that were objected to. Applicants believe that these claims should have been objected to rather than rejected and respectfully request that the Examiner clarify whether these rejections were made in error. Applicants have amended the claims to put them in condition for immediate allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, cancellations and in conclusion, Applicants submit that the 35 USC § 102 and 103 rejections set-forth in the Office Action have been overcome, and that the pending claims are not anticipated by or obvious over the cited art, either individually or in combination. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection(s) set-forth in the Office Action.

Should the Examiner believe that a discussion with Applicants' representative would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned. Please address all correspondence to Robert Gorman, CIBA Vision, Patent Department, 11460 Johns Creek Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2965.

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